Allocation of funds to maintain Highways

248. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN; Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANS PORT be pieased to stale:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govern ment have been allocating funds for maintenance of the highways within availability of the funds;

(b) if so, what are the norms of allo cation and availablity o_" the funds;

(c) whether any weigh tage is given to the type of carriers anj the goods trans ported on those highways; and

(d) if so, the '.retails thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANS PORT (SHRI JAGD1SH *l):* (a)

• the National ar bas- 1 the cur- the order of to be borne by the States.

(c) and (d) No specific ,ge is given to the ty covere \sity of traiiic and taken into consideration in the norms.

Accidents of hazardous cargo carrying vehicles on National Highays

249. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANS PORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road accidents On National Highways occurcd to vehicles carrying hazardous cargo during last three years, State-wis;;

(b) number of fatalities and number of injured persons in last three years. State-wke;

(c) whether it is a fact that these accidents have occured due to unauthorised eating houses constructed within safety distance of the highways;

(d) whether it is a fact that large number of such eating houses have been blessed with liquor selling retails; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANS-PORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) National Highway wise accidents statistics are not collected. However, the available data in respect of different State Governments/UTs for the year 1990—92 is at Statement (See below).

(c) to (e) The various studies conducted in respect of road accidents indicate that the accidents occured mainly due to driver's fault, passenger's/pedestrian's fault, bad weather, bad roads and mechanical faults. No data regarding the existence of eating houses with licensed liquor shops is available. However, the State Governments (Transport & Home Departments) have been requested to ensure that no eating houses and liquor shops are situated within safe distance of roads and National Highways.